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## ESTONIAN SSR

By a 25 April 1953 ukase of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Estonian SSR, Pyarnuskaya, Tallinskaya, and Tartuskaya oblasts are abolished. Rayons, as well as the cities of Kokhtla-Yarve, Narva, Pyarru, and Tartu, are now directly subordinate to republic organs of the Estonian SSR.(2)

## GEORGIAN SSR

By a 23 April 1953 ukase the Presidium, Supreme Soviet USSR, approved the proposal of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Georgian SSR, on the abolition of Kutaiskaya and Tbilisskaya oblasts.(3)

The Presidium, Supreme Soviet Georgian SSR, has issued ukases for the following territorial-administrative changes:

Tamarisskiy village soviet is separated from Bolnisskiy Rayon and made a part of Marneul'skiy Rayon.

The ukase of 19 April 1952 "on the removal of the populated point of Khurcha from Kokiyskiy village soviet, Zugdidskiy Rayon, and its attachment to Nabakevskiy village soviet, Gal'skiy Rayon, Abkhazskaya ASSR," is changed and Khurcha is returned to Kokiyskiy village soviet, Zugdidskiy Rayon.(4)

Bochomskiy village soviet is removed from Sagaredzhoyskiy Rayon and made a part of Tianetskiy Rayon.

The following village soviets are abolished:

Tskhamskiy village soviet, Sachkherskiy Rayon. The village of Tskhami is included in Argvetskiy village soviet.

Opitarskiy village soviet, Tsagerskiy Rayon.

Kalagal'skiy village soviet, Tsalendzhikhskiy Rayon. Kalagali village is included in Pakhulanskiy village soviet.(5)

Zemo-Khidiskari and Kvemo-Khidiskari villages, Bariyskiy village soviet, Klukhorskiy Rayon, are abolished, and their territory (and population) included in the city of Klukhori. The Ministry of Municipal Services and Housing and Civil Construction Georgian SSR is commissioned to establish new boundaries for the city.

Kortaneti village is removed from Akhaldabskiy village soviet, Borzhomskiy Rayon, and is made a part of Kvibisskiy village soviet of the same rayon.

Priuti village, Tetrtskaroytskiy Rayon, is renamed Orbeti village and Priutskiy village soviet renamed Orbetskiy village soviet.

Naosari and Gokhnari villages are removed from Tonetskiy village soviet, Tetrtskaroytskiy Rayon. Naosari village is included in Orbetskiy village soviet and Gokhnari village in Akhalsopel'skiy village soviet of the same rayon.

Dalyuri village is removed from Dmanisskiy village soviet and included in Orozmanskiy village soviet of Dmanisskiy Rayon.(6)

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**LATVIAN SSR**

On 25 April 1953, the Presidium, Supreme Soviet USSR, confirmed the proposal of the Presidium, Supreme Soviet Latvian SSR, on the abolition of Rihskaya, Daugavpilsskaya, and Liyepayskaya oblasts and the subordination of the cities of Riga, Daugavpils, Liyepaya, Yelgava, Ventapils, and Rezekne and the rayons of the abolished oblasts directly to republic organs of the Latvian SSR.(7)

On 30 May 1953, the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet Latvian SSR decreed: to combine the city of Griva with the city of Daugavpils and to make the city of Daugavpils the administrative center of Grivskiy Rayon.(8)

**LITHUANIAN SSR**

An article on the history of the city of Klaypeda states that in 1946 the fishing village of Mel'nrange and the resort town of Girulyay were transferred to Klaypeda. Subsequently, the Kurskiy Spit (Kurskaya kosa), with the populated points of Nida, Perelka, Preila, Yuodkrante, and Smil'tine, was joined to Klaypeda.(9)

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